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## **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

### **Fish and Wildlife Service**

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**FBMS#4500089778; OMB Control Number 1018-0075]**

### **Agency Information Collection Activities; Federal Subsistence Regulations and Associated Forms**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), are proposing to revise an existing information collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

**ADDRESSES:** Send your comments on the information collection request (ICR) by mail to the Service Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS: BPHC, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803 (mail); or by email to [Info\\_Coll@fws.gov](mailto:Info_Coll@fws.gov). Please reference OMB Control Number 1018-0075 in the subject line of your comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request additional information about this ICR, contact Madonna L. Baucum, Service Information Collection

Clearance Officer, by email at [Info\\_Coll@fws.gov](mailto:Info_Coll@fws.gov), or by telephone at (703) 358–2503.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we provide the general public and other Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

We are soliciting comments on the proposed ICR that is described below. We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is the collection necessary to the proper functions of the Service; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Service enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Service minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time.

While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

*Abstract:* The Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA; 16 U.S.C. 3111–3126), and regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR part 100 and 36 CFR part 242, require persons engaged in taking fish, shellfish, and wildlife on public lands in Alaska for subsistence uses apply for and obtain a permit to do so, and comply with reporting provisions of that permit.

We use the following forms to collect information from qualified rural residents for subsistence harvest:

(1) FWS Form 3–2326, “Federal Subsistence Hunt Application, Permit, and Report.”

(2) FWS Form 3–2327, “Designated Hunter Permit Application, Permit, and Report.”

(3) FWS Form 3–2328, “Federal Subsistence Fishing Application, Permit, and Report.”

(4) FWS Form 3–2378, “Designated Fishing Permit Application, Permit, and Report.”

(5) FWS Form 3–2379, “Federal Subsistence Customary Trade Recordkeeping Form.”

We use the information collected to evaluate:

- Eligibility of applicant.

- Subsistence harvest success.
- Effectiveness of season lengths, harvest quotas, and harvest restrictions.

- Hunting patterns and practices.
- Hunter use.

Three forms are used in the recruitment and selection of members for regional advisory councils:

(1) FWS Form 3–2321, “Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Council Membership Application/Nomination.”

(2) FWS Form 3–2322, “Regional Advisory Council Candidate Interview.”

(3) FWS Form 3–2323, “Regional Advisory Council Reference/Key Contact Interview.”

The member selection process begins with the information that we collect on the application. Ten interagency review panels interview all applicants and nominees, their references, and regional key contacts. These contacts are based on the information that the applicant provides on the application form. The information that we collect through the application form and subsequent interviews is the basis of the Federal Subsistence Board’s recommendations to the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture for appointment and reappointment of council members.

A fourth form is being proposed for incumbent members, this would be a shorter form simply asking if there are any updates to previously submitted information.

The Federal Subsistence Board uses the harvest data, along with other information, to set future season dates and harvest limits for Federal subsistence resource users. These seasons and harvest limits are set to meet the needs of subsistence users without adversely impacting the health of existing animal populations.

In addition to the above forms, regulations at 50 CFR part 100 and 36 CFR part 242 contain requirements for the collection of information. We collect nonform information on:

(1) Repeal of Federal subsistence rules and regulations (50 CFR 100.14 and 36 CFR 242.14).

(2) Proposed changes to Federal subsistence regulations (50 CFR 100.18 and 36 CFR 242.18).

(3) Special action requests (50 CFR 100.19 and 36 CFR 242.19).

(4) Requests for reconsideration (50 CFR 100.20 and 36 CFR 242.20).

(5) Requests for permits and reports, such as traditional religious/cultural/educational permits, fishwheel permits, fyke net permits, and under-ice permits (50 CFR 100.25–27 and 36 CFR 242.25–27).

*Title of Collection:* Federal Subsistence Regulations and Associated Forms, 50 CFR 100 and 36 CFR 242.

*OMB Control Number:* 1018–0075.

*Form Number:* FWS Forms 3–2321 through 3–2323, 3–2326 through 3–2328, 3–2378 through 3–2379.

*Type of Review:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Respondents/Affected Public:* Individuals; private sector; and State, local, and tribal governments. Most respondents are individuals who are federally defined rural residents in Alaska.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to Obtain or Retain a Benefit.

*Frequency of Collection:* On occasion.

*Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost:* None.

<b>Form/Activity</b>	<b>Number of Annual Respondents</b>	<b>Number of Annual Responses</b>	<b>Completion Time per Response</b>	<b>Total Annual Burden Hours*</b>
3-2321 Membership Application	76	76	2 hours	152
3-2322 Applicant Interview	76	76	30 minutes	38
3-2323 Reference/Contact Interview	189	189	15 minutes	47
3-XXXX Incumbent Application	22	22	5 minutes	2
3-2326 Hunt Application and Permit	11,141	11,141	10 minutes	1,857
3-2326 Hunt Report	11,141	11,141	5 minutes	928
3-2327 Designated Hunter Application and Permit	701	701	10 minutes	117
3-2327 Designated Hunter—Hunt Report	701	701	5 minutes	58
3-2328 Fishing Application and Permit	2,136	2,136	10 minutes	356
3-2328 Fishing Report	2,136	2,136	5 minutes	178
3-2378 Designated Fishing Application and Permit	58	58	10 minutes	10
3-2378 Designated Fishing Report	58	58	5 minutes	5
3-2379 Customary Trade Recordkeeping Application and Permit	18	18	10 minutes	3
3-2379 Customary Trade Recordkeeping – Report	18	18	5 minutes	2
Petition to Repeal	1	1	2 hours	2
Proposed Changes	70	70	30 minutes	35
Special Actions Request	17	17	30 minutes	9
Request for Reconsideration (Appeal)	741	741	4 hours	2,964
Traditional/Cultural/Educational Permits and Reports	5	5	30 minutes	3
Fishwheel, Fyke Net, and Under-Ice Permits and Reports	7	7	15 minutes	2

Form/Activity	Number of Annual Respondents	Number of Annual Responses	Completion Time per Response	Total Annual Burden Hours*
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>29,290</b>	<b>29,290</b>		<b>6,766</b>

\*Rounded

An agency may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The authority for this action is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

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